

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Hirokazu YANO :
Yoshikatsu UDAGAWA : CR-FREE PAINT COMPOSITIONS
Minoru KIYOTSUKA : AND PAINTED METAL SHEETS
Kiyoshi TAKATSU :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend and insert section headings as follows. (Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a marked-up version of the amended section heading is attached.)

On page 1, please amend the section heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" to read as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, after the first complete paragraph, please insert the following section heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States patent practice.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 1-20 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP AMENDED SECTION HEADING

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